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1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM BEATTIE TO
STOLYAROV WITH COPY TO MALTSEV.

AUGUST 24, 1977 08.0209

MR. A. V. STOLYAROV
CHIEF ENGINEER
MINISTRY OF POWER AND ELECTRIFICATION
MOSCOW, USSR

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DEAR MR. STOLYAROV:

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A COPY OF YOUR PROPOSED ITINERARY AND
AGENDA FOR THE US DELEGATION'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION
THIS SEPTEMBER. AS I NOTED IN MY AUGUST 16 LETTER, WE ARE
PLEASED THAT YOU ARE PREPARED TO RECEIVE OUR DELEGATION
AND WE HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED VISA APPLICATIONS TO THE

SOVIET CONSULATE.

HOWEVER, I WISH TO POINT OUT THAT WE WERE EXPECTING THAT THE AGENDA AND ITINERARY WOULD INCLUDE PARALLEL SEMINARS IN SOLAR THERMAL POWER STATIONS, SOLAR HEATING AND COOLING AND DIRECT CONVERSION FOR FOUR OR FIVE DAYS OF THE ASHKABAD VISIT. YOUR PROPOSED AGENDA DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR PARALLEL SEMINARS AND DEVOTES ONLY ONE DAY TO EACH TECHNOLOGY AREA. WE BELIEVE THAT THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT YOUR AGENDA ALLOTS FOR THE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF TWELVE TECHNICAL PAPERS IN EACH AREA-36 PAPERS IN TOTAL- IS INSUFFICIENT. AS YOU WILL RECALL, THE FORMAT FOR THE US-USSR SEMINARS HELD IN MARCH 1976 AT COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY PROVIDED FOR SIMULTANEOUS SEMINARS IN SOLAR HEATING AND COOLING AND SOLAR THERMAL POWER STATIONS SO THAT MAXIMUM INTERACTION BETWEEN EXPERTS WOULD BE POSSIBLE. SINCE WE PLAN TO SEND THE BEST AVAILABLE US SPECIALISTS TO THE ASHKABAD MEETINGS, IT WOULD INDEED BE UNFORTUNATE NOT TO ARRANGE FOR CONTINUOUS MEETINGS IN THEIR AREAS OF EXPERTISE. OUR DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT A LONG AND EXPENSIVE TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION IS DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY FOR LITTLE MORE THAN A ONE DAY MEETING IN EACH OF THEIR TECHNICAL AREAS.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT PARALLEL
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SESSIONS BE SCHEDULED FOR FOUR OR FIVE DAYS DURING THE ASHKABAD VISIT AND THAT ABOUT THREE PAPERS PER DAY FROM EACH SIDE BE PRESENTED IN EACH OF THE TECHNOLOGY AREAS IN THE MORNING SESSIONS. THE AFTERNOON SESSIONS IN EACH TECHNOLOGY AREA SHOULD BE LARGELY RESERVED FOR DISCUSSION OF THE PAPERS PRESENTED DURING THE MORNING SESSIONS. IN THAT WAY, TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS WOULD CONCENTRATE MOST OF THEIR TIME IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS OF EXPERTISE.

FURTHERMORE, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT OUR DELEGATION REQUESTED TO REMAIN IN THE USSR UNTIL SEPTEMBER 17 AND TO VISIT ADDITIONAL SOLAR LABORATORIES AND FACILITIES IN THE MOSCOW AREA. YOUR PROPOSED ITINERARY DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR THESE VISITS AND PLANS FOR A SEPTEMBER 15 DEPARTURE OF THE US DELEGATION. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THIS ASPECT OF THE ITINERARY BE AMENDED AS WELL. ALSO NOTE THAT OUR TEAM WILL BE ARRIVING ON SEPTEMBER 3 RATHER THAN ON SEPTEMBER 4.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THESE POINTS

SINCERELY,

DONALD BEATTIE
ACTING ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
SOLAR, GEOTHERMAL, AND ADVANCED
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